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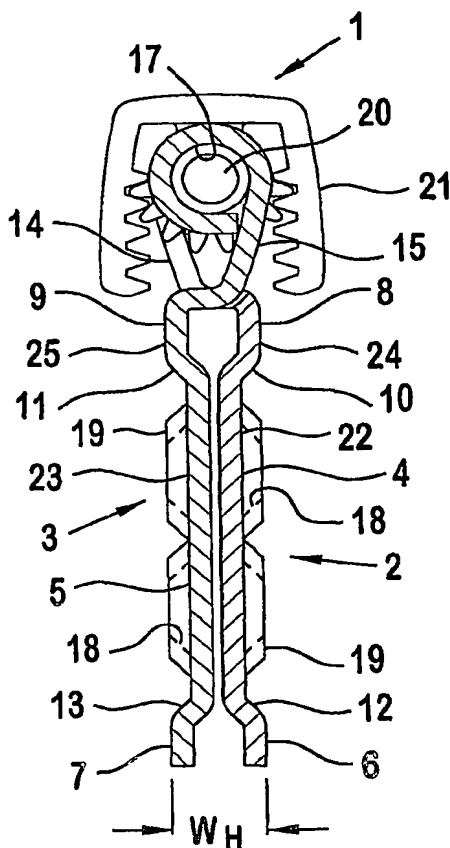
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(54) Title: HINGE WITH STIFFENED LEAF



(57) Abstract: A hinge including a stiffened leaf. The hinge comprise a first longitudinally-extending leaf (22, 23) having a base portion (6, 7) and a mounting portion (4, 5) offset and parallel to the base portion that defines a cavity. The mounting portion may contain at least one hole (18) for attaching the leaf to a hinged object with a fastener. In one embodiment, the hole includes an annular reinforcement disposed in the cavity proximate to the hole. The hole may be conical in shape and may extend into the reinforcement to receive and support a conically-shaped fastener head. The hinge is suitable for thin leaf construction and continuous full-length hinge applications.

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BOX III. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-30 and 47-52, drawn to a hinge.

Group II, claim(s) 31-46, drawn to a method of making a hinge.

The inventions listed as Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: group I has special technical feature of a hinge for pivotally connecting hinged members. Group II has special technical feature of making a hinge by forming a specific hinge leaf with a cavity, a raised portion, a hole and reinforcement, and a fastener.

Continuation of B. FIELDS SEARCHED Item I:

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